REMARKS

By way of the foregoing Amendment, new claims 78-79 have been added thereby rendering claims 1-79 currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 5, 29, 32, 33, 57, 60, 63-65, and 72-77 have been amended to correct grammatical errors and/or recite proper antecedent bases. No new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant 35 U.S.C. § 121, and has grouped this invention into twenty-eight (28) species identified as Species 1(A)-(F), 2(A)-(D), 3(A)-(D), 4, 5, 6(A)-(C), 7, 8(A)-(D), 9(A)-(C), and 10.

Applicant respectfully partially traverses this restriction requirement, but provisionally elect the claims of Species 3(B) (Fig. 17) for prosecution on the merits if no generic claim is held allowable. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 29-31, 63, 64, 72, 73, 75, 76, 78, and 79 read on elected Species 3(B).

Applicant further submits that claims 4, 5, 32, 33, 57, 60, 65, 74, and 77 are generic to each of Species 3(A) (Fig. 16), 3(B) (Fig.17), 3(C) (Figs. 18 and 19) and 3(D) (Figs. 19 and 20). Species 3(A)-3(D) all share a common optical member having parallel sides and it is submitted that claims 4, 5, 32, 33, 57, 60, 65, 74, and 77 should be examined together with the claims 1-3, 29-31, 63, 64, 72, 73, 75, 76, 78, and 79.

If the Examiner believes that any formal matters for this application need to be addressed, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned, by telephone, at the Examiner's convenience.

Prompt examination on the merits of the claims that correspond to Species 3(B) (*i.e.* claims 1-3, 29-31, 63, 64, 72, 73, 75, 76, 78, and 79) together with the claims that are generic to each of Species 3(A)-3(D) (*i.e.* claims 4, 5, 32, 33, 57, 60, 65, 74, and 77) is respectfully requested.

Favorable action is awaited.

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